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AFFAIRS

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FINAL ACT

THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SERVING AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION IN APPLICATION OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE

A. BACKGROUND

At its special meeting on July 4, 1969, the Council of the Organization of American States took up the messages sent that same day to the Chairman of the Council by His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Tiburcio Carías Castillo, in which he asked for convocation of a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs under articles 39, 40 and 43 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and Article 9 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

At that meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Honduras and El Salvador, and then adopted the following resolution:

REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS THAT A MEETING OF
CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BE CONVOKED

WHEREAS:

On July 4, 1969, His Excellency Tiburcio Carías Castillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, addressed to the Chairman of the Council of the Organization the messages of that date, which appear in the corresponding documents and wherein he requested the convocation of a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with articles 39, 40, and 43 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and Article 9 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance;

The statements made at today's meeting by the Ambassador of Honduras and by the Ambassador of El Salvador, make it apparent that present circumstances allow the representatives of the member states the time to consult their respective foreign ministries;

The statements made by some of the representatives indicate that the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, of Guatemala, and of Nicaragua are acting as mediators in the dispute; and

Friendly relations among our republics is a basic standard of the American regional system,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the statements made by the representatives of Honduras and of El Salvador at today's meeting.
2. To convoke a special meeting of the Council of the Organization for Thursday, July 10, at 4.00 p.m., in order to continue to examine this matter and take the corresponding decision.
3. To recommend very respectfully to the distinguished governments of El Salvador and of Honduras that, in view of the above, they kindly take the measures that they deem appropriate to avoid any act that might aggravate the present situation.
4. To express its most sincere wishes that the mediation by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, of Guatemala, and of Nicaragua will be most successful in the search for a solution that will satisfy the parties.
5. To request the Chairman to cable the text of this resolution to the foreign ministries of the member states, on behalf of the Council.

The Council of the Organization adopted the following resolution at the special meeting it held on July 14, 1969, taking into account the additional information supplied to it by the representatives of Honduras and El Salvador at its meeting on July 10, together with the statement made by the Representative of El Salvador during the same July 14 meeting, whereby he requested convocation of the Organ of Consultation:

CONVOCAION OF THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION

WHEREAS:

At the special meeting held on July 4, 1969, the Council of the Organization took note of the messages of that date that His Excellency Tiburcio Carías Castillo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, addressed to the Chairman of the Council of the Organization, which appear in the corresponding documents, and in which he requested the convocation of a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with articles 39, 40, and 43 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and Article 9 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance;

At the same meeting the Council took note of the statements made by the representatives of Honduras and of El Salvador and expressed its wish that the mediation being undertaken by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, of Guatemala, and of Nicaragua would be successful in the search for a solution that would satisfy the parties;

At the Council meeting held on July 10, 1969, the representatives of Honduras and El Salvador provided additional information on the situation and the representatives of Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua referred to the mediation negotiations being carried out by their respective foreign ministries; and

The Representative of El Salvador also requested, on the basis of his statement made at today's meeting, the convocation of the Organ of Consultation,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke the Organ of Consultation in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which Organ shall meet on the date and at the place that will be set in due time.

2. To constitute itself and act provisionally as Organ of Consultation in accordance with Article 12 of the above-mentioned Treaty.

3. To inform the Security Council of the United Nations of the text of this resolution.

By virtue of operative paragraph two of the resolution quoted above the Council of the Organization acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, approved the following resolution at a meeting held on July 14, 1969:

APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE SITUATION
THAT HAS ARISEN BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR

WHEREAS:

At the meeting held on July 14, 1969, the Council of the Organization, at the request of the governments of Honduras and El Salvador, resolved to convoke the Organ of Consultation in accordance

with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization and of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and to constitute itself and act provisionally as the Organ of Consultation in accordance with Article 12 of the above-mentioned Treaty,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

1. To create a committee of seven members for an on-site study of the situation that has arisen between Honduras and El Salvador and the events that have caused it and to report to the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation.

2. To authorize the Chairman of the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation to appoint the members of the Committee, which shall initiate its work as soon as it has been constituted.

3. To request the governments of the member states and the Secretary General of the Organization to cooperate in order to facilitate the work of the Committee.

4. To request the governments of Honduras and El Salvador, in compliance with the provisions established in the Charter of the Organization and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, to give guarantees that they will refrain from carrying out any act that is likely to aggravate the situation between the two sister republics or to rupture international peace.

5. To request the Secretary General of the Organization to keep the Security Council of the United Nations informed of the decisions taken by the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation in the present situation.

That same day, July 14, the Chairman of the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, exercised the authorization given him under operative paragraph two of the above resolution and appointed Argentina, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and the United States as members of the Committee created by that resolution. The Committee elected the Ambassador Representative of Nicaragua as its Chairman.

At the meeting held the following day, July 15, the Council of the Organization acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation approved the following resolution:

APPEAL TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF
EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS TO SUSPEND HOSTILITIES

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING
PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

HAVING TAKEN COGNIZANCE of the events that have occurred in
recent days in El Salvador and Honduras; and

CONSIDERING:

That, at its meeting on July 14, the Council of the Organization
of American States, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation,
resolved, among other points:

4. To request the governments of Honduras and El Salvador,
in compliance with the provisions established in the Charter of
the Organization and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal
Assistance, to give guarantees that they will refrain from
carrying out any act that is likely to aggravate the situation
between the two sister republics or to rupture international
peace; and

That the seven-member Committee appointed in accordance with
operative paragraph 2 of the resolution adopted yesterday by this
Organ of Consultation to conduct an on-site study of the situation
that has arisen between El Salvador and Honduras, has not yet had
sufficient time to send reports to the Organ of Consultation; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the seriousness of the events, the urgency
of allaying the danger they pose, and the need to protect the
civilian population in both countries,

RESOLVES:

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of
Reciprocal Assistance, to call upon the governments of El Salvador
and Honduras to suspend hostilities, to restore matters to the statu
quo ante bellum, and to take the necessary measures to reestablish
and maintain inter-American peace and security and for the solution
of the conflict by peaceful means.

2. To request the Committee to inform the Organ of Consultation
as to the results of this appeal as soon as circumstances permit, and
to make such recommendations as it may deem necessary for the
purposes mentioned in the said Article 7.

The Council of the Organization acting provisionally as Organ of
Consultation approved the following four resolutions at the meeting held
on July 18, 1969:

I

SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES AND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

WHEREAS:

In the resolution adopted by this Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation at the meeting held on July 15, 1969, the governments of El Salvador and Honduras were called upon to suspend hostilities, to restore the situation to the statu quo ante bellum, and to take all the necessary measures to reestablish and maintain inter-American peace and security and for the solution of the conflict by peaceful means;

The governments of Honduras and El Salvador have responded to that appeal; and

The Committee appointed by virtue of the resolution of July 14, 1969, after visiting the capitals of each country, has recommended the basis for carrying out the measures to which the resolution of July 15, 1969, refers,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

1. To order the suspension of hostilities beginning at 10:00 p.m. Central American local time on July 18, 1969.

2. To call upon the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to proceed immediately to order the troops that are occupying parts of territory in the other state to fall back to the lines they were occupying prior to July 14, in such a way that these operations may be completed within a period of 96 hours, counting from 10:00 p.m. Central American local time on July 18, 1969.

3. To request the Committee to appoint observers, as soon as possible, to monitor for the observance of this resolution and to report to the Committee, which shall in turn inform the Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation.

4. To request the member states that are in a position to do so, to place at the Committee's disposal the facilities and equipment it may need to fulfill its mission, including transport and communications facilities.

II

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM IN REGARD TO
THE SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES AND TROOP WITHDRAWALS

WHEREAS:

Through Resolution I, adopted today, the suspension of hostilities is ordered, beginning at 10:00 p.m. on July 18, 1969, Central American local time; the governments of El Salvador and Honduras are called upon to proceed immediately to order the troops that are occupying parts of territory in the other state to fall back to the lines they were occupying prior to July 14, and observers are to be appointed to monitor for the observance of the provisions of that resolution,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

1. That a suitable surveillance system be established to supervise the enforcement of the measures ordered by the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to comply with the suspension of hostilities and the withdrawal of their respective troops to the positions that they occupied prior to July 14. The military units and the reserve troops shall be withdrawn by stages over a period of 96 hours, beginning at 10:00 p.m. on July 18, 1969, Central American local time.

2. That a record shall be kept of the general line reached by the troops of both countries and their reserves, as well as of the lines to which they shall withdraw.

3. That, following the appropriate formalities, the cities and towns occupied by the armies of the two countries be turned over to the Committee of the Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, or to the observers that it appoints, so that these cities and towns will not be exposed to pillage and so that the physical condition of the said cities and towns may be determined.

4. That the air forces of El Salvador and Honduras shall be grounded, except for training flights, which shall not fly beyond the lines separating the positions that they were occupying prior to July 14.

III

GUARANTEES TO ASSURE RESPECT FOR THE LIFE, THE PERSONAL SAFETY,
AND THE PROPERTY OF HONDURAN NATIONALS RESIDING IN EL SALVADOR
AND EL SALVADORAN NATIONALS RESIDING IN HONDURAS

WHEREAS:

To ensure peace and security, adequate and effective protection must be afforded to all citizens of El Salvador residing in Honduras and to Hondurans residing in El Salvador;

Article 13 of the Charter of the Organization of American States provides that in exercising its right to develop its cultural, political, and economic life freely and naturally, the State shall respect the rights of the individual and the principles of universal morality; and

The support of the governments of El Salvador and Honduras is necessary to effectively accomplish the objectives of this resolution,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

1. To call upon the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to give effective guarantees that will assure respect for the life, the personal safety, and the property of the nationals of each of these countries who reside in the territory of the other, under the terms of the property laws that are applicable to nationals of the respective countries.
2. To instruct the Committee of the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation to adopt the measures necessary to monitor for the observance of the guarantees referred to in the preceding paragraph, specifying the observation posts it considers necessary for the purpose. The Committee may be advised by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the observers may call upon experts for advice.
3. To request the member states of the Organization to provide the observers with the necessary collaboration, in prompt and appropriate form.
4. To request the member states of the Organization, in keeping with the spirit of the resolution that established the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund and under the terms of its Statute's, to supply food, medicines, services, and the like, to aid displaced persons of both countries.

5. To entrust the Secretary General of the Organization with appointing these observers and directing their work.

IV

MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO PRESS, RADIO, AND TELEVISION CAMPAIGNS
CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRATIONIST TRADITION OF
THE PEOPLES OF CENTRAL AMERICA

WHEREAS:

To ensure that the lofty objectives of Resolution III of the Council acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation are accomplished to the fullest and to help restore, as swiftly as possible, the traditional spirit of integration of all the Central American countries, it is essential that the governments of El Salvador and Honduras take firm measures immediately to bring an end to any press, radio, and television campaign that serves to incite emotions,

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING
PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

RESOLVES:

To urge the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to proceed immediately to take the measures required to put an end to the press, radio, and television campaigns that serve to arouse emotions that are contrary to the integrationist tradition of the peoples of Central America.

The date and place for the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs were established in a resolution approved by the the Council of the Organization acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, at a meeting held on July 23, 1969. The text of that resolution is as follows:

SETTING OF THE DATE AND PLACE FOR THE MEETING OF
CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

THE COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, ACTING
PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION,

CONSIDERING:

That at its special meeting on July 4, 1969, the Council of the Organization took cognizance of the messages that His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, addressed to the Chairman of the Council requesting the convocation of a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with articles 39, 40,

and 43 of the Charter of the Organization and Article 9 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, and that at the meeting held on July 14, the Representative of El Salvador made the same request;

That at that meeting the Council resolved to convoke the Organ of Consultation in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, to meet on the date and at the place that would be set in due course and, at the same time, to constitute itself and act provisionally as Organ of Consultation in accordance with Article 12 of the aforementioned Treaty;

That on the same date the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, resolved to create a seven-member committee to conduct an on-site study of the situation that had arisen between Honduras and El Salvador and the events that had caused it and to report to it in this regard; it further resolved to request the governments of the two countries, in compliance with the provisions established in the Charter of the Organization and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, to give guarantees that they would refrain from carrying out an act that was likely to aggravate the situation between the two sister republics or to rupture international peace;

That at its meeting on July 15 it resolved, in accordance with Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, to call upon the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to suspend hostilities, to restore matters to the statu quo ante bellum, and to take the necessary measures to reestablish and maintain inter-American peace and for the solution of the conflict by peaceful means;

That at the meeting held on July 18, it resolved to order the suspension of hostilities beginning at 10:00 p.m. of that day, to call upon the governments of El Salvador and Honduras each to proceed immediately to order the troops that were occupying parts of territory in the other state to fall back to the lines they were occupying prior to July 14, in such a way that these operations might be completed within a period of 96 hours, counting from the aforementioned hour, and to request the Committee to appoint observers, as soon as possible, to monitor for the observance of this resolution and to report to the Committee, which should in turn inform the Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation (Resolution I);

That at the same meeting on July 18 it resolved to establish a suitable surveillance system to supervise the enforcement of the measures adopted by the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to comply with the suspension of hostilities and the withdrawal of their respective troops to the positions that they had occupied prior to July 14; it further provided that the military units and reserves would be withdrawn by stages within the time period established (Resolution II);

That at that meeting of July 18, it called upon the aforementioned governments to give effective guarantees that would assure respect for the life, the personal safety, and the property of nationals of each of these countries who reside in the territory of the other, under the terms of the legislation applicable to the nationals of the respective countries in regard to property; it resolved to instruct the Committee to adopt the measures necessary to monitor for the observance of these guarantees, specifying the observation posts it considered necessary for the purpose; it also entrusted the Secretary General of the Organization with appointing the observers and directing their work (Resolution III);

That the resolutions of July 15 and 18 of the Council of the Organization acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation were adopted after it had received information from its Committee, once the latter had heard the parties;

That the observers to which Resolution III refers have gone to Honduran territory in order to carry out the mission assigned to them, and that the military observers have gone to the two countries to verify the cease-fire, the troop withdrawals, and the other points dealt with in Resolution II;

That the Government of Honduras has repeatedly declared its willingness to carry out all those decisions of the Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation;

That the Government of El Salvador observed the decision regarding the suspension of hostilities; and

That on July 22, the Chairman of the Committee informed the Chairman of the Council, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, that His Excellency, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, had asked him to send to the said Council, for its information, the following official statements: First, the Government of El Salvador does not wish to keep nor will it keep any of the areas of Honduran territory now occupied by Salvadoran troops. Second, the Government of El Salvador will not withdraw the troops that are occupying part of the territory of the Republic of Honduras until the measures that the Salvadoran Foreign Ministry listed in the document delivered to the Chairman of the Committee (Doc. OEA/Ser.V/C-d-1702 Add. 19, of July 22) have been taken; and

HAVING SEEN:

Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, which reads as follows:

In the case of a conflict between two or more American States, without prejudice to the right of self-defense in conformity with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations,

the High Contracting Parties, meeting in consultation shall call upon the contending States to suspend hostilities and restore matters to the statu quo ante bellum, and shall take in addition all other necessary measures to reestablish or maintain inter-American peace and security and for the solution of the conflict by peaceful means. The rejection of the pacifying action will be considered in the determination of the aggressor and in the application of the measures which the consultative meeting may agree upon; and

Article 17 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which provides as follows:

The territory of a State is inviolable; it may not be the object, even temporarily, of military occupation or of other measures of force taken by another State, directly or indirectly, on any grounds whatever. No territorial acquisitions or special advantages obtained either by force or by other means of coercion shall be recognized;

INASMUCH AS at 10:00 p.m. Central American local time, on July 22, the withdrawal of the Salvadoran troops from the territory of Honduras had not been effected, despite the fact that the decision adopted on this matter remains binding by virtue of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the decision regarding the suspension of hostilities and the need to restore matters to the statu quo ante bellum.
2. To set July 26 at 5:00 p.m. as the time for beginning, at the headquarters of the Pan American Union, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and the pertinent articles of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

B. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

First Phase of the Proceedings of the Meeting of Consultation

The Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation began on July 26, 1969, in accordance with the aforementioned resolution of the Council of the Organization, adopted on July 23, 1969.

The first stage of the Meeting's proceedings lasted from July 26 to July 30, 1969. In attendance were the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Special Delegates of the states parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, in the following order of precedence, which was established by lot at the preliminary session:

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| 1. EL SALVADOR | 12. NICARAGUA |
| 2. UNITED STATES | 13. BRAZIL |
| 3. MEXICO | 14. BOLIVIA |
| 4. URUGUAY | 15. COSTA RICA |
| 5. VENEZUELA | 16. HONDURAS |
| 6. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO | 17. PARAGUAY |
| 7. HAITI | 18. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC |
| 8. CHILE | 19. PANAMA |
| 9. ARGENTINA | 20. PERU |
| 10. GUATEMALA | 21. COLOMBIA |
| 11. ECUADOR | |

The representatives of Barbados and Jamaica on the Council of the Organization attended the Meeting as observers.

Also present was the Secretary General of the Organization. The Assistance Secretary General and Secretary of the Council served as Secretary General of the Meeting, pursuant to Article 27 of the Regulations.

A Representative of the United Nations was also present.

A preliminary session was held on the afternoon of July 26, 1969. There, decisions were taken on the officers of the Meetings, the designation of the Credentials and Style Committees, the order of precedence, and other matters related to the Meeting.

The deliberations were governed by the Regulations of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs approved at the opening session held on July 26, 1969.

The members of the Committee on Credentials were the delegations of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador, while the Style Committee was composed of the delegations of Brazil, Colombia, Haiti, and the United States.

The Secretary General of the Organization installed the opening session on the afternoon of July 26, 1969, in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Regulations. His Excellency Alfonso López Michelsen, Minister of Foreign Relations of Colombia, was elected President, and His Excellency Edgardo Mercado Jarrín, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Vice President.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the Regulations, matters before the Meeting at this stage of its proceeding were taken up by the General Committee. This Committee held its first meeting on July 27, 1969, electing His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay as Chairman, and the Special Delegate of Panama as Rapporteur.

The General Committee held two meetings. The Rapporteur presented the corresponding report, which was considered at the second plenary session held on July 30, 1969. Three resolutions and a declaration were adopted at that session, the texts of which appear below:

I

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

CONSIDERING:

That by a resolution adopted on July 23, 1969, the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, convoked a Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and the pertinent articles of the Charter of the Organization of American States, and that as of 10:00 p.m. Central American time, July 22, 1969, the withdrawal of the Salvadoran troops from Honduran territory, as called for by that Council under the terms of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, had not been carried out; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that at 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 1969, the Government of El Salvador, through His Excellency the Minister of Foreign Affairs, made the following statement to the Organ of Consultation: ". . . the Government of El Salvador declares that, in its resolute determination to find a peaceful solution to the conflict that concerns us today, it has decided to withdraw the Salvadoran troops that are occupying Honduran territory. The Government is confident that Your Excellencies, the Foreign Ministers, will be able to find formulas that will jolly and effectively guarantee the lives, personal safety, and property of the Salvadoran people who resided or are now residing in Honduras,"

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the statement made by the Government of El Salvador.
2. To order that the withdrawal of the troops be effected immediately, under the terms set forth in operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of Resolution II, adopted on July 18, 1969, by the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation.
3. To instruct the Committee established by the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, in accordance with its resolution of July 14, 1969, using as a basis the report submitted to it in due course by the military observers, to monitor the time periods and manner in which the withdrawal of the troops is carried out and to report to the Meeting of Consultation.

II

WHEREAS:

The Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, stated that to ensure peace and security, adequate and effective protection must be afforded to all citizens of El Salvador residing in Honduras and to Hondurans residing in El Salvador, and that Article 13 of the Charter of the Organization of American States provides that in exercising its right to develop its cultural, political, and economic life freely and naturally, the State shall respect the rights of the individual and the principles of universal morality;

The Government of El Salvador has asked repeatedly for adequate and effective guarantees of the lives, personal safety, and property of its nationals residing in Honduras;

The Government of Honduras has requested equal guarantees of the lives, personal safety, and property of its nationals residing in El Salvador;

The governments of El Salvador and Honduras have formally undertaken to provide these guarantees;

For the purposes of this resolution, it is also necessary to maintain and strengthen the inter-American institutional mechanism established by the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, to monitor for full observance of this mutual commitment undertaken by the aforementioned governments; and

In accordance with the provisions of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, the Charter of the Organization of American States, and the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement (Pact of Bogotá), disputes arising between American nations should be resolved by peaceful procedures,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Committee named by the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, in accordance with the resolution of July 14, 1969, to continue to perform the mission entrusted to it through Resolution III of July 18, and to adopt all the measures necessary to monitor for faithful and precise observance of the effective guarantees given by the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to ensure respect for the lives, personal safety, and property of the nationals of each of

these countries residing in the other. It shall also monitor for compliance with the terms of this resolution and report in due course to the Meeting of Consultation.

2. To charge the Secretary General of the Organization to maintain the observers designated in accordance with operative paragraph 5 of the aforementioned Resolution III and to increase their number if necessary, so that they may perform the functions assigned to them by the Committee referred to in this resolution and provide it with the facilities and services it requires.

3. To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to cooperate with the above-mentioned Committee.

4. To take note that the governments of El Salvador and Honduras have agreed to submit, within two months, their demands and the differences that have arisen between them to any one of the procedures for pacific settlement provided for in the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement (Pact of Bogotá), to which both countries are parties, and failing that, to submit them to the procedure of arbitration in accordance with the same Pact.

5. To urge each one of the parties to bring to trial those responsible for crimes and violations of human rights in accordance with their respective judicial systems. The Committee mentioned in operative paragraph 1 of this resolution shall report to the Meeting of Consultation on this matter.

6. To recommend that a census be taken of the nationals of each country residing in the other, with a view to studying the migration problems and finding a suitable solution.

7. To request the international organs, agencies, and entities, especially those of the inter-American system, to cooperate with both parties in the solutions of their population and development problems, in coordination with the other countries of Central America, taking into account the program for the integration of the isthmus and acting through Central American regional institutions. The Secretary General of the Organization is charged with providing the personnel, obtaining the funds, and supplying any other facilities that may be necessary to discharge this mission properly.

8. To appeal once again to the member states of the Organization to provide funds, food, medicines, services, and the like to assist the displaced inhabitants of El Salvador and of Honduras in the spirit of the resolution that created the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund and under the terms of its Statutes.

9. To recommend to the governments of El Salvador and Honduras, in view of the unusual situation caused by the events that occurred between the two countries, that they provide assistance to displaced persons requesting such aid to return to their homes. The Committee shall endeavor to see that families separated as a result of those events are reunited.

10. To request that member states in a position to do so make available to the Committee the facilities and equipment it needs to accomplish its mission, including means of transportation and communication.

III

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To keep the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation in session, especially for the purpose of seeing that the resolutions adopted by the Organ of Consultation are carried out faithfully and for taking such additional measures as it may deem necessary to reestablish and preserve inter-American peace and security and to resolve the conflict between El Salvador and Honduras by peaceful means.

2. To instruct the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to transmit the text of the resolutions adopted by this Meeting of Consultation to the United Nations Security Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 54 of the United Nations Charter.

IV

DECLARATION

WHEREAS:

During the course of this Meeting of Consultation the American States have clearly, categorically, and unanimously repudiated the use of force as a means to settle disputes among the member states of the Organization;

The procedures instituted by the inter-American system afford proper means for the peaceful settlement of disputes;

Nonetheless, it is the member states' steadfast desire and abiding concern that actions conducive to the elimination of underdevelopment as an underlying cause of such conflicts be intensified; and

The member states of the Organization of American States have consistently reaffirmed the rights of man and the principles of universal morality, in the full exercise of their sovereignty and of the jurisdiction they have over all inhabitants of their territory, be they nationals or aliens,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DECLARES:

1. Its unswerving allegiance to the principle set forth in Article 1 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance and Article 18 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, to the effect that the use of force as a means for the settlement of disputes has been definitively proscribed among the member states of the Organization;

2. That, as provided in articles 5 (e) and 17 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, no territorial acquisitions or occupations shall be recognized;

3. That the status of immigrants is regulated by the laws of the countries in which they reside and to whose jurisdiction they are subject;

4. That the above principles must be applied with the utmost respect for the protection of human rights, the full validity of which has been declared repeatedly by the American states;

5. That it notes with satisfaction the willingness shown by the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to embody in deeds the enduring virtue of the principles enunciated in this declaration.

Second Phase of the Proceedings of the Meeting of Consultation

The second phase of activity was from August 1969 to November 1980. A total of 21 plenary sessions were held during this period.

At the third plenary session, held on August 21, 1969, the Special Delegate of Colombia, Ambassador Carlos Holguín, was elected Interim President of the Meeting, and the Special Delegate of Peru, Ambassador Luis Alvarado, was elected Interim Vice President of the Meeting.

The following resolutions were approved during this period:

At the eighth plenary session,
held on October 27, 1969:

I

PEACE AND TREATIES

WHEREAS:

By Resolution III of July 30, 1969, it was decided to keep the Meeting in session, especially for the purpose of seeing that the resolutions adopted were carried out faithfully and taking such additional measures as it might deem necessary to reestablish and preserve inter-American peace and security and to resolve the conflict between El Salvador and Honduras by peaceful means;

Respect for and faithful compliance with the existing treaties between the two countries, both bilateral and multilateral, are essential to guarantee peace and harmonious relations between the two nations;

The disagreements between El Salvador and Honduras can be resolved through the international legal means and procedures contemplated in those instruments; and

To help normalize relations between El Salvador and Honduras, any measures that would affect the property or interests that the nationals of one of those countries have in the other in a discriminatory manner must be avoided,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to preserve peace between their countries, by refraining from taking any measure that could imperil it, and to comply with all the agreements and treaties to which they are parties.

2. To invite both governments to appeal the measures that were adopted at the time of the past conflict and that hinder free disposition of the property of the natural and juridical persons of one country that are under the jurisdiction of the other country.

II

FREE TRANSIT

WHEREAS:

On July 15, 1969, the Council of the Organization, acting provisionally as Organ of Consultation, resolved: "In accordance with Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, to call upon the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to suspend hostilities, to restore matters to the statu quo ante bellum, and to take the necessary measures to reestablish and maintain inter-American peace and security and for the solution of the conflict by peaceful means";

In its Resolution III, adopted on July 30, 1969, the Organ of Consultation resolved: "To keep the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation in session, especially for the purpose of seeing that the resolutions adopted by the Organ of Consultation are carried out faithfully and for taking such additional measures as it may deem necessary to reestablish and preserve inter-American peace and security and to resolve the conflict between El Salvador and Honduras by peaceful means";

The closing in El Salvador and Honduras of the land communication routes between those countries seriously affects the national economies and the standards of living of the people not only of those two states but also of other states in the hemisphere, especially all those of the Central American Common Market;

The treaties on Central American integration establish freedoms of transit among the countries of the area; and

It is the duty of the Organ of Consultation to take peacemaking action in accordance with Article 7 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Government of El Salvador that, as a first step toward restoring matters to the statu quo ante bellum with respect to the utilization of land communication routes, it allow goods of Honduras origin to pass freely through its territory.
2. To recommend to the Government of Honduras that, as a first step toward restoring matters to the statu quo ante bellum with respect to the utilization of land communication routes, it allow goods of Salvadoran origin to pass freely through its territory.

III

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS

WHEREAS:

The resumption of diplomatic and consular relations would help normalize the situation between El Salvador and Honduras,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

To invite the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to reestablish their diplomatic and consular relations as soon as possible.

IV

BOUNDARY QUESTIONS

WHEREAS:

In its Resolution XXXVIII the Ninth International Conference of American States stated that: "The experience of history demonstrates that the lack of clearly demarcated boundaries is a cause of international conflicts" and that "This situation can affect the peace of the continent and the normal development of the peoples of America";

The governments of El Salvador and Honduras have repeatedly expressed their intention to establish the boundary line that separates their respective territories; and

The Government of El Salvador has made a statement, dated October 24, 1969, in which it expresses its position of principle with respect to this matter and its willingness to seek a solution of a bilateral nature as soon as normal relations between the two countries are restored,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

To invite the governments of El Salvador and Honduras, within the framework of the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States, to settle their boundary questions in accordance with the letter and spirit of Resolution XXXVIII of the Ninth International Conference of American States and the pertinent provisions of the agreements signed by both countries.

CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET

WHEREAS:

In the Declaration of the Presidents of America, dated April 14, 1967, the presidents of the member states of the Central American Common Market undertook to carry out an action program to include, among others, the measures stipulated therein, and to apply the principle of balanced development among the countries of the area when implementing those measures;

The economic, social, and cultural circumstances under which the conflict between El Salvador and Honduras arose point up the advisability of revising the treaties for the creation and operation of the Central American Common Market so as to strengthen it on the basis of the experience acquired;

Any decision in this matter must be the outcome of an agreement among the five countries that make up the Central American Common Market; and

The Central American integration movement not only serves a social, economic, and cultural need of the countries that comprise it but is also a response to multilateral resolutions and agreements that are consistent with the spirit of the Declaration of the Presidents of America,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To express its empathy with the governments of the states that make up the Central American Common Market and to urge them to keep the integration movement active.

2. To recommend to the governments of El Salvador and Honduras that they begin talks with the other governments of the isthmus to achieve a regional consensus that will make it possible to revise the present structure of the Central American Common Market with a view to improving its operation, so as to thereby raise the standard of living of the inhabitants of the region.

VI

CLAIMS AND DIFFERENCES

WHEREAS:

In operative paragraph 4 of Resolution II, adopted on July 30, the Meeting of Consultation took note that the governments of El Salvador and Honduras had agreed to submit their claims and the differences that had arisen between them to any one of the procedures for pacific settlement provided for in the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement (Pact of Bogotá), to which both countries are parties, and failing this, to submit them to the procedure of arbitration in accordance with that pact; and

The parties are the ones who must first come to an agreement on the choice of the procedure to which they will submit their differences,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

To remind the governments of El Salvador and Honduras of the content of operative paragraph 4 of Resolution II of the Organ of Consultation adopted on July 30, 1969, on their agreement to submit to procedures for pacific settlement, their claims and the differences that have arisen in connection with the conflict.

VII

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE FAMILY

WHEREAS:

In its Declaration of July 30, 1969, the Organ of Consultation established that the status of immigrants is regulated by the laws of the countries in which they reside, but that said principle must be applied with the utmost respect for the protection of human rights, which rights have consistently been reaffirmed by the member states of the Organization,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the governments of El Salvador and Honduras that, in applying their respective domestic laws to aliens, they do so with the utmost respect for human rights, especially the rights to life, personal security, liberty, and property, and the rights with respect to the family.

2. To repeat the request made to the Committee of the Organ of Consultation that, with the cooperation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, it continue to monitor for strict compliance with the resolutions on human rights adopted by the Organ of Consultation.

At the tenth plenary session,
held on June 9, 1970:

RESOLUTION

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN the eight report of its pacification Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the agreement reached by the Central American foreign ministers at their meeting in San José, Costa Rica, from June 2 through 4, 1970, whereby they approved a "Plan for establishing a security zone for purposes of pacification" in the border area between El Salvador and Honduras.

2. To express its deep appreciation to the Committee for the effective measures carried out to restore peaceful relations between the republics of El Salvador and Honduras.

3. To extend to the General Secretariat the Meeting of Consultation's thanks for the work it has consistently performed for the Committee and for the Meeting of Consultation.

4. To thank the Government of Costa Rica for its efforts on behalf of the region's pacification.

5. To congratulate the Central American foreign ministers for their contribution to peace in the region.

6. To express its satisfaction to the governments of El Salvador and Honduras for the lofty Americanist ideals they have their demonstrated by acceptance of the aforementioned Plan, and to express once again its confidence that the two countries will be able to settle the problems existing between them through the Bilateral Working Group established pursuant to the recommendation of the Meeting of Central American Foreign Ministers, held in Managua on December 3, 1969.

7. To request the General Secretariat of the Organization to cooperate in any way possible with the governments of El Salvador and Honduras in carrying out the aforementioned Plan.

8. To call the attention of the governments of the member states to the advisability of studying the possibility of closing the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation.

At the twelfth plenary session,
held on May 18, 1971:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS
AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SECURITY ZONE

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN:

The solemn declarations signed by the ministers of foreign affairs of El Salvador and Honduras in San José, Costa Rica, last April 23; and

The Tenth Report by the Committee of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (doc.108 corr. 1); and

CONSIDERING:

That in their statements signed at San José, Costa Rica, on April 23, the foreign ministers of El Salvador and Honduras have stated their governments' intention "to put an end as soon as possible, to the abnormal situation that exists between El Salvador and Honduras";

That they have also stated that their governments will present "concrete proposals for overall settlement of the differences between the two states" at a meeting to be held in San José, Costa Rica, on May 19, 1971, in the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and under the chairmanship of the Moderator of the Bilateral Working Group;

That in accordance with those statements, the agenda of the Fifth Meeting of the Bilateral Working Group should be based on the proposals made by the parties within the frame of reference of the resolutions adopted by the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation on October 27, 1969, namely: "I. Peace and Treaties; II. Free Transit; III. Diplomatic and Consular Relations; IV. Boundary Questions; V. Central American Common Market; VI. Claims and Differences; and VII. Human Rights and the Family";

That, from the information presented in the report of the Committee, it appears that significant progress has been made to normalize the situation between El Salvador and Honduras that precipitated convocation of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs; and

That the Security Zone for Pacification on the border region between El Salvador and Honduras should be maintained, as agreed upon in the Final Act of the Meeting of Central American Foreign Ministers, held in San José, Costa Rica, on June 4, 1970,

RESOLVES:

1. To receive with approval the declarations signed by the foreign ministers of El Salvador and Honduras in San José, Costa Rica, last April 23.
2. To congratulate the governments of El Salvador and Honduras for the strong Americanist spirit demonstrated by the declarations signed in San José, Costa Rica, and to urge them, in preparing the respective proposals they are to present at the meeting to be held on May 19, to continue to show the desire for cooperation and harmony that will facilitate the work of the Bilateral Working Group and that will lead to settlement of the problems existing between them.
3. To take note of the Tenth Report by the Committee of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation.
4. To approve the Committee proposal that the activities of the Group of Military Observers be terminated as of July 31 of this year, in the manner indicated in the Committee's Tenth Report.
5. To urge the governments of El Salvador and of Honduras to maintain the Security Zone for Pacification agreed upon in the Final Act of the Meeting of Central American Foreign Ministers held in San José, Costa Rica, dated June 4, 1970.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA AND TO
BRIGADIER GENERAL EMILIO E. NEME

WHEREAS:

Brigadier General Emilio E. Neme has completed his tour of duty as Chief of the Group of Military Observers of the Organization of American States in accordance with the resolutions of this Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation;

The tact and competence that General Neme has demonstrated in discharging his duties has won him the gratitude of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation, and it is fitting that, now that his mission has come to an end, this appreciation should be made public,

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to Brigadier General Emilio E. Neme for the spirit of Americanism and the singular efficiency with which he discharged the duties of Chief of the Group of Military Observers of the Organization of American States.
2. To thank the Government of Argentina for having made the services of General Neme available to the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation, so that he might perform this noble and important mission.
3. To request the Secretary General to transmit the text of this resolution to the Government of Argentina and to General Neme.

At the fifteenth plenary session,
held on July 21, 1976:

AUTHORIZATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF
CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO DESIGNATE
MILITARY OBSERVERS

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN:

The request made by the ministers of foreign affairs of Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, guarantor countries of the "Plan for establishing a security zone for pacification," or the "Agreement of San José," of June 4, 1970, to the effect that the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation send military observers to supervise the troop withdrawals and establishment of the security zone referred to in the aforementioned Agreement of San José; and

The message sent by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, in which he quotes part of the Final Act of the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Chiefs of Staff of Central America, signed in Guatemala on the 20th of this month; and

CONSIDERING:

The statements made by the special delegates of El Salvador and Honduras at today's session of the Meeting of Consultation,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Committee of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation to designate the OAS military observers as soon as possible, in such manner and number and for the length of time that it deems advisable for the best performance of their duties.

2. To request the member states to make available to the Committee officers of their armed forces who can serve in the capacity mentioned in the preceding paragraph and, if possible, to provide the facilities and equipment that the Committee needs to carry out its mission, including means of transportation and communications facilities.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to take appropriate measures, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, to provide the General Secretariat with the funds essential to comply with this decision.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND THE WORK OF THE MILITARY-OBSERVER
MISSION IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS

THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS,

HAVING SEEN:

The resolution entitled "Authorization to the Committee of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to designate military observers" (Doc.137/76) and Permanent Council resolutions CP/RES. 189 (255/76) and CP/RES. 190 (256/76);

The communications from the governments of Honduras (Doc.145/76) and El Salvador (Doc.150/76), which offer to cover the expenses of the Military-Observer Mission of the Organization of American States; and

The tentative budget for the Military-Observer Mission in El Salvador and Honduras presented by the General Secretariat; and

